GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:200
ANSWERED ON:19.02.2003
DISPOSAL OF BIO-MEDICAL WASTE
AKBOR ALI KHANDOKER;M.H. AMBAREESH

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that many Nursing Homes, Private and Government Hospitals in the metro cities particularly in Delhi and Kolkata are violating rules of Bio-medical Waste Management Act, 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have any mechanism to monitor that these Hospitals are strictly adhering to the norms laid down in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken by the Government against the erring Hospitals?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a)to(d): Health being a State subject, these matters fall within the purview of the respective State Governments.The respective State Pollution Control Boards/Pollution Control Committee are the prescribed authorities for implementation of the Bio Medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1998.So far as Central Government Hospitals are concerned, these hospitals are taking necessary steps to meet the requirement of these Rules.